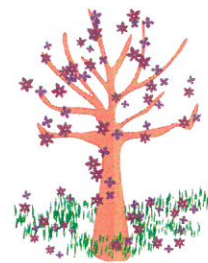


# KS2 Newsletter

## Year 5 and Year 6

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### English

The children in Year 5 are looking at The Adventures of Odysseus by Hugh Lupton which is an adaptation of the ancient Greek poem The Odyssey by Homer. They have just been introduced to the main characters of the story and the children have been doing some insightful and detailed character analyses.

In Grammar lessons Year 6 have learnt about present and past progressive tenses this week, as well as the two ways to use a semi-colon correctly. They have really enjoyed catching up with reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and today re-wrote part of the story from another viewpoint.... brilliantly.

### Maths

In Maths this week Year 5 are looking at time and converting times from the 12 hour clock to the 24 hour clock and also the reverse. They are looking at calculating time intervals and learning how to read different types of timetables.

Year 6 have been working very hard preparing for their SATs arithmetic and reasoning tests in a few weeks. Fractions, long multiplication and division are the biggest arithmetical challenges but everyone is improving week by week. The children have been revising the properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as looking at measures and working through multi-step word problems by breaking them down.

### Science

Year 5 have begun this term by revising all their science knowledge from the previous two terms. They looked through all their written work and did some fun quizzing in teams. They are now ready to start their new topic!

Year 6 carried out an investigation to find out whether vigorous exercise affects pulse rate. It definitely does! However, to improve the results, the children thought that they needed a more accurate way to measure heart beats. Today the children started finding out about evolution.

Year 5 have loved their first two swimming lessons, taught by Miss Brock and Miss Wehrle. Mrs Catchpole has been very impressed by the excellent behaviour both at the pool and walking along Cromwell Road.

The children have been doing a lot of background research in to the Ancient Greeks and their Gods and Goddesses in their History lessons which are making the *Adventures of Odysseus* text much easier to understand.

### Homework

Please try to keep up with homework this term so that there are no last minute catch-ups needed just before Summer reward day!

Each week each child should complete a piece of written English homework, one hour of Maths Whizz and daily reading followed by regular AR quizzing. Year 6 should also do one online SPAG test each week up until half term.

Although it is hopefully starting to improve and get a bit sunnier, please can you make sure that your child is still prepared for everything that the British weather throws at us!

Each day they need to have:

- a coat for colder mornings
- a sunhat for break and lunchtimes
- a water bottle
- indoor and outdoor PE kit
- wellies for walking when the field is muddy